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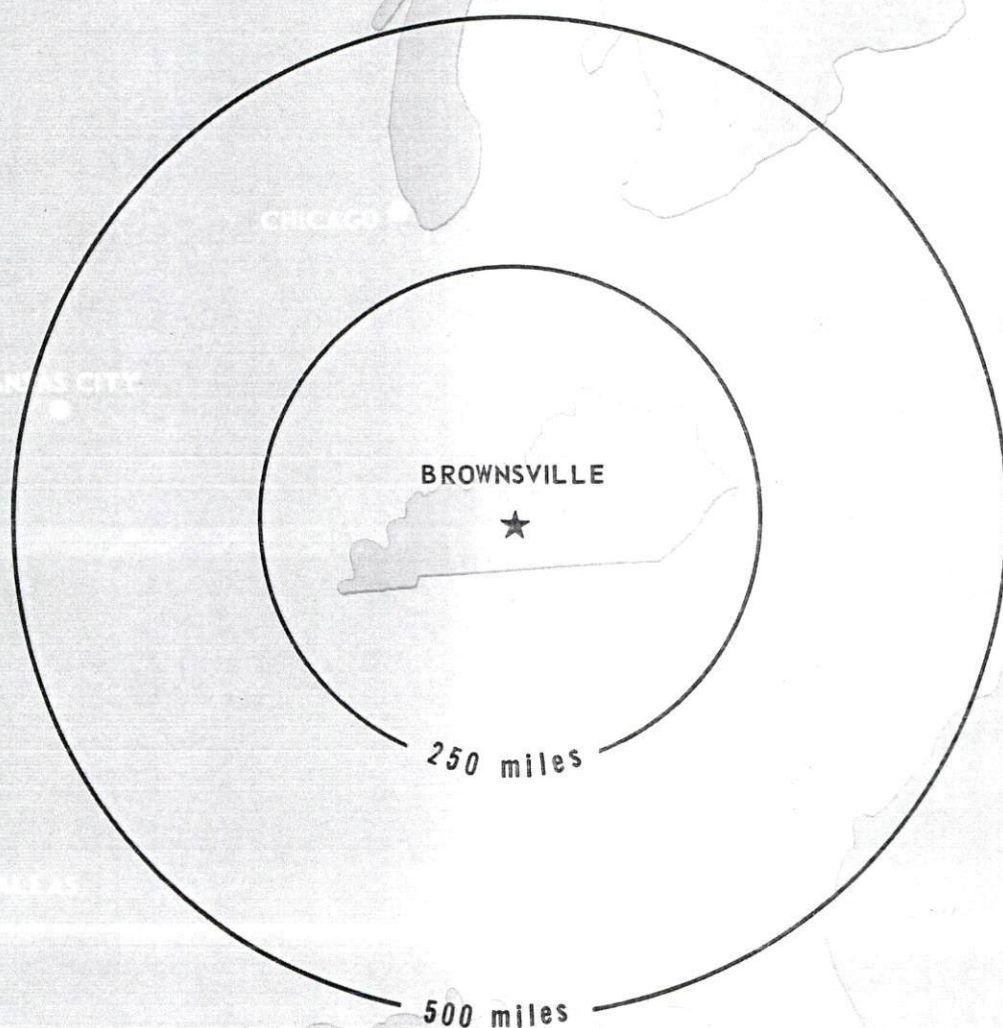
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INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

BROWNSVILLE, KENTUCKY



CURRENT INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

CURRENT INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES, BROWNSVILLE, KENTUCKY

This is a 1970 supplement to "Industrial Resources, Brownsville, Kentucky" which was published in 1969.

Population

	<u>1970</u>	<u>1960</u>
Brownsville	--	601
Edmonson County	8,482	8,085
Labor Market Area	128,834	121,418
(Includes Barren, Butler, Grayson, Hart, Warren and Edmonson Counties)		

General Employment Characteristics

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Employment 1969</u>	
	<u>Edmonson County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
TOTAL	2,200	49,500
Agricultural	600	9,200
Nonagricultural	1,600	40,300
Manufacturing	520	11,120
Trade & Services	22	11,124
Government	300	7,100

Manufacturing Employment

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Edmonson County</u>			<u>Labor Market Area</u>		
	<u>1969</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>% Change</u>
TOTAL	424	0	--	11,300	4,944	+128.6
Food & kindred products	6	0	--	857	841	+ 1.9
Tobacco	0	0	--	127	135	- 5.9
Apparel, textiles, leather	398	0	--	4,140	2,063	+100.7
Lumber & furniture	17	0	--	614	277	+121.7
Machinery & metal products	0	0	--	5,187	1,461	+255.0
Printing, publishing, paper	0	0	--	230	108	+113.0
Other	3	0	--	145	59	+145.8

There are presently five manufacturing firms in Edmonson County. Major firm, employment, and year started operations:

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Employment</u>	<u>Year Started Operations</u>
Kellwood Company	510	1963

Labor Supply

	<u>Edmonson County</u>			<u>Labor Market Area</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Current	1,005	784	221	777	383	394
Potential additions next five years	7,628	4,908	2,720	12,289	6,186	6,103

Personal Income

Edmonson County, 1968: Total - \$11,539,000; Per capita - \$1,377
1959: Total - \$ 5,193,000; Per capita - \$ 672

Property Tax Rates

Property tax rates per \$100 of assessed valuation, 1969:

	<u>Brownsville</u>	<u>Edmonson County</u>
State	\$.015	\$.015
County	.131	.131
School	.320	.320
City	.154	
Total	\$.620	\$.466

Education

The Edmonson County School System includes one high school with standard rating, and five elementary schools.

Vocational School: Bowling Green Area School, 30 miles distant.

Courses offered: General Clerical, Dental Assistant, Health Careers, Nurses Aide, O.B. Technician, Practical Nursing, Surgical Technician, Ward Clerk, Distributive Education, Electronics (Technology), Highway Technology, Technical Drafting, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, Auto Body Repair, Auto Mechanics, Carpentry, Commercial Foods, Drafting, Electricity, Machine Shop, Office Machine Repair, Printing, Radio and TV Repair, Small Engine Repair, Tool and Die Making, Welding.

Transportation

Trucking Service: Associated Transport, Inc., Majors Truck Lines, Inc., Skaggs Transfer, Inc.

Bus Service: Trailways Bus Lines.

Rail Service: Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company. Piggyback service is available at Bowling Green, 30 miles distant, or Glasgow, 33 miles distant.

Air Service: Commercial - Bowling Green, 30 miles distant.

Power and Fuel

Electric Distributors

Warren RECC

Natural Gas Distributor

Natural gas service is not available.

Water and Sewerage

Water: Daily treatment capacity - 1,000,000 gallons; average daily use - 400,000 gallons; maximum daily use - 600,000 gallons; storage capacity - 250,000 gallons; size distribution lines - 8, 6, and 4 inches.

Sewerage: Type treatment - aeration, filtration and clarifier; design capacity - 100,000 gallons per day; average daily flow - 50,000 gallons; treated effluent discharged into - Green River; rates - 90 percent of monthly water bill; size of mains - 10 and 8 inches.

Local Government

Police Protection: Number of law enforcement officers: 1 (city); 4 (county).

Fire Protection: Number of volunteer firemen - 15; American Insurance Association fire rating, City of Brownsville - Class 8.

Health

Nearest general hospital - Grayson County War Memorial Hospital; capacity - 40 beds; staff - 5 doctors and 9 registered nurses; special personnel - 1 surgeon, 1 pediatrician, 5 licensed practical nurses.

Other Local Facilities

Telephone: Kentucky Telephone Company

Postal: Class of post office - second-class; mail received - twice daily; mail dispatched - twice daily.

Public Library: Edmonson Free Public Library; number of volumes - 15,380; annual circulation - 52,115.

Financial Institutions

<u>Banks</u>	<u>Statement of Condition as of June 30, 1970</u>	
	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
Brownsville Deposit Bank	\$4,351,470	\$3,899,946
Bank of Edmonson County	4,428,143	4,014,780

Recreation

Local: Four all-purpose playgrounds; 1 golf course; 1 baseball diamond; 1 football field; Nolin Reservoir; Jesse James Village; Cave City interchange complex - including 2 chairlifts; wax museum; giant slide; miniature golf.

Area: Mammoth Cave National Park, Barren River Reservoir, Diamond Caverns, Mammoth Onyx Cave, Crystal Onyx Cave and Hundred Dome Cave.

Industrial Sites

The industrial site shown in the 1969 Brownsville Industrial Resources brochure is still available for industrial use.

BROWNSVILLE INDUSTRIAL SITE

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BROWNSVILLE INDUSTRIAL SITE

For further information concerning the following site, contact Mr. J. M. Moody, Brownsville, Kentucky, or the Kentucky Department of Commerce, Frankfort, Kentucky.

SITE #1: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 8 acres, level to gently rolling

LOCATION: 2 1/2 miles south of Brownsville

HIGHWAY ACCESS: Ky. 259 borders site

RAILROADS: Site not served by rail

WATER: Edmonson County Water District (as of Sept. 1970)

SIZE LINE: 6-inch

GAS: None

ELECTRICITY: Warren RECC

SEWERAGE: Package plant necessary

OPTIONED BY: Edmonson County Lions Club

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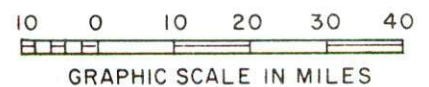
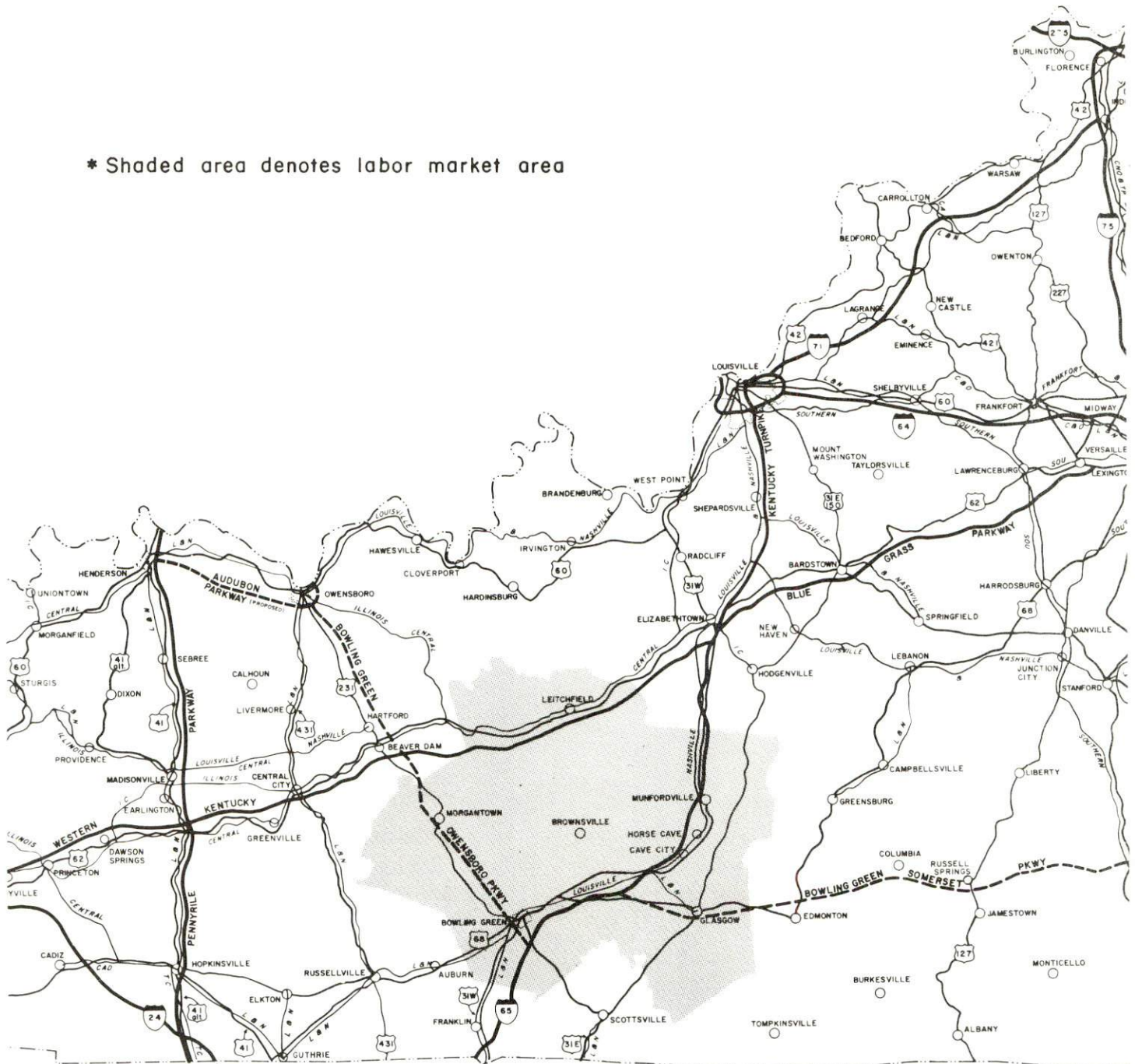
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BROWNSVILLE LABOR MARKET AREA

* Shaded area denotes labor market area



BROWNSVILLE, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Location

Brownsville, the county seat of Edmonson County, is a small community situated on the bank of the Green River. It is located in the Western Kentucky Coal Field, approximately 30 miles from Bowling Green, Kentucky. Famous Mammoth Cave, the world's largest cave, is also located in Edmonson County, some nine miles from Brownsville. Mammoth Cave National Park, a nature sanctuary, covers much of the county. The park is rich in scenic beauty, historical significance, and recreational facilities.

The Economic Framework

Total employment in Edmonson County in 1968 averaged 2,300 with agriculture accounting for approximately 700 of these jobs; manufacturing provided some 500 jobs. Since the 1960's manufacturing has become a significant factor in the county's economy. Growth has been most spectacular in the apparel industry. The major industrial product is raincoats.

Per capita income in the county in 1968 was \$1,424. This figure was considerably below the Kentucky average, indicating a real potential for economic growth.

The Brownsville labor market area includes Edmonson and its five surrounding counties. Area employment totaled approximately 48,400 in 1968, including some 10,300 agricultural jobs. Manufacturing furnished slightly more than 10,000 jobs. Area industrial employment has increased by 102 percent in the past nine years with sharpest gains in machinery and metal products, apparel, and textiles and leather industries.

Despite these important industrial gains in recent years, the area still has a deficit of 2,600 manufacturing jobs when measured against the national industrial employment-population ratio. This indicates an area where the potential for additional manufacturing production is excellent.

Resources For Growth

There is a current estimated labor supply of 4,900 men and 2,700 women available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, 6,200 men and 6,000 women will be 18 years of age by 1975 and potentially available for work.

Edmonson County is bisected by Interstate 65, and an interchange is located approximately 15 miles from Brownsville. Commercial air service is available at Bowling Green, some 30 miles distant.

Brownsville has an eight acre industrial site 2 1/2 miles south of the city limits on Kentucky 259.

Western Kentucky University is located at Bowling Green, Kentucky, 30 miles distant.

Community Programs For Improvement

Brownsville is seeking to provide more modern and more comprehensive services and facilities for its residents. A new physical education building has recently been completed at the Edmonson County High School. It is now in its second year of use. At present, an addition to the nursing home is under construction. The new wing will double the home's facilities. Also under construction is the Edmonson County Water District, to be completed by September 1970. When completed, the new district will serve Brownsville and its surrounding area. Still in the planning stages are a multi-purpose building for the high school, a sewer system for Brownsville, and direct long distance dialing.

Recreation, Entertainment and Livability

Mammoth Cave National Park is located in Edmonson County. Mammoth Cave, the world's largest cave, has much historical significance as well as scenic beauty. Its subterranean world includes three rivers, two lakes, and sea. In addition to cave tours, the park offers Green River boat trips, nature trails, lodging and restaurant facilities. Five other major caves are located in the Mammoth Cave area.

Kentucky's cave country offers some of the state's best fishing opportunities. Nolin Reservoir, a 5,795-acre lake north of Mammoth Cave National Park, provides excellent boating and fishing. Fishing is also recommended in Green River and the Barren River Reservoir, south of Glasgow.

Brownsville is 30 miles from Bowling Green and Western Kentucky University where a wide variety of collegiate athletics and cultural events can be enjoyed.

THE LABOR MARKET

POPULATION TRENDS ^{1/}

Area	1969 (Est.)	1960	1950	1960-69	1950-60
Labor Market Area	127,300	121,518	124,288	+4.8	- 2.2
Edmonson County	7,600	8,085	9,356	-6.0	- 13.6
Brownsville		473	447		+ 5.8

GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS ^{2/}

Major Employment Group	1968	1968
	Edmonson County	Labor Market Area
TOTAL	2,286	48,388
Agricultural	731	10,296
Nonagricultural	1,555	38,092
Manufacturing	503	10,009
Trade and Services	119	9,759
Government	293	7,252
Other	640	11,072

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT TRENDS BY INDUSTRY SEPTEMBER 1959 AND 1968 ^{3/}

Industry	Edmonson County		Labor Market Area		
	1968	1959	1968	1959	% Change
TOTAL	503	0	10,009	4,944	+102.4
Food & Kindred Products	0	0	900	841	+ 7.0
Apparel, Textiles, Leather	489	0	3,694	2,063	+ 79.1
Lumber & Furniture	14	0	589	277	+112.6
Machinery & Metal Products	0	0	4,380	1,461	+199.8
Other	0	0	446	302	+ 47.7

EDMONSON COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS,
THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT 4/

Firm	Product	Employment		
		Total	Male	Female
<u>Brownsville</u>				
Edmonson News	Newspaper	3	3	0
Farmers Mill & Supply Co.	Seed	4	4	0
Van Meter Lumber Co.	Tobacco sticks, rough lumber, rail ties, posts, truck beds	3	3	0
Weatherall Manufacturing Co.	Raincoats	510	90	420
<u>Mammoth Cave</u>				
Abe Brooks	Lumber, ties	NA		

WAGE RATES FOR SELECTED OCCUPATIONS
BROWNSVILLE, KENTUCKY ^{5/}

Classification	Wages Per Hour		
	Starting	Maximum	Prevailing
<u>Production Employees</u>			
Assembler	\$1.75	\$2.35	\$2.05
Inspector	1.81	2.30	2.27
Production Laborer	1.70	2.20	1.86
Welder, Arc or Acetylene (Class-A)	1.83	2.51	2.42
<u>Service Employees</u>			
Electrician (Class-A)	\$2.96	\$4.61	\$2.96
Laborer	1.60	2.97	2.87
Machinist	2.05	4.00	2.40
Mechanic, Maintenance	2.21	3.25	2.59
Truck Driver, Industrial (Class-A)	2.05	3.38	2.40
<u>Office Employees</u>			
Bookkeeper	\$1.60	\$2.00	\$1.60
File Clerk	1.60	2.00	1.60
Receptionist	1.60	1.70	1.60
Secretary	1.60	2.25	2.00
Typist		1.90	

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

There are no organized labor unions in Edmonson County.

CURRENT AND FUTURE LABOR SUPPLY -
BROWNSVILLE LABOR MARKET AREA

County	Current Labor Supply ^{6/} 1969			Future Labor Supply by 1975 ^{7/} (Becoming 18 Years of Age)		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Labor Market Area	7,666	4,928	2,738	12,252	6,204	6,048
Edmonson	1,006	785	221	790	388	402
Barren	1,500	868	632	2,826	1,448	1,378
Butler	1,181	729	452	965	489	476
Grayson	1,727	1,019	708	1,686	826	860
Hart	1,152	647	505	1,434	749	685
Warren	1,100	880	220	4,551	2,304	2,247

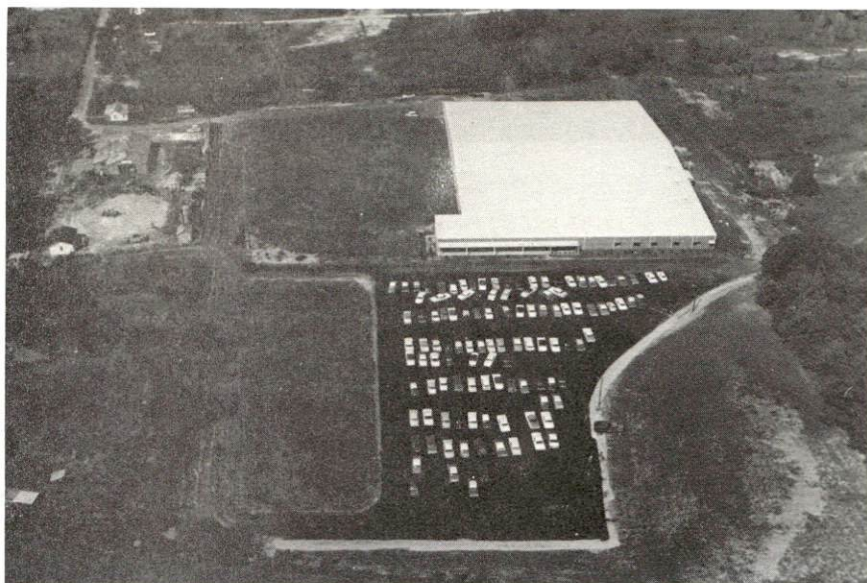
TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME ^{8/}

Area	1968	1959	% Change
Edmonson County	\$ 10,967,000	\$ 5,193,000	+111.2
Labor Market Area	279,468,000	135,261,000	+106.6
Kentucky	8,360,000,000	4,655,000,000	+ 79.6

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME ^{9/}

Area	1968	1959	% Change
Edmonson County	\$1,424	\$ 661	+115.4
Labor Market Area	\$1,296 to 2,384	\$661 to 1,431	+96.1 to + 66.6
Kentucky	2,614	1,552	+ 68.4

Weatherall Manufacturing Co.



Edmonson County High School

Brownsville Elementary School



EDUCATION

Public Schools

	<u>Edmonson County</u>
Total Enrollment	1,896
Elementary	1,349
High School	547
Student-Teacher Ratio	23-1
Elementary	24-1
High School	20-1
State Rating of High School	Standard
Percent High School Graduates to College	23.5
Current Expenditures Per Pupil	\$361.68
Bonded Indebtedness June 30, 1969	\$386,000

Parochial, Private and Special Schools

	<u>Parochial</u>
Total Enrollment	46
Elementary	46
Student-Teacher Ratio	15-1
Elementary	15-1

Vocational Schools

	<u>Nearest Area School</u>	<u>Nearest Extension Center</u>
Location	Bowling Green	Glasgow
Miles	30	28
Curriculum	General Clerical	Health Careers
	Dental Assistant	Auto Mechanics
	Health Careers	Carpentry
	Nurses Aide	Drafting
	O. B. Technician	
	Practical Nursing	
	Surgical Technician	

Nearest Area
School (Cont'd.)

Ward Clerk
Distributive Education
Electronics (Technology)
Highway Technology
Technical Drafting
Air Conditioning and
Refrigeration
Auto Body Repair
Auto Mechanics
Carpentry
Commercial Foods
Drafting
Electricity
Machine Shop
Office Machine Repair
Printing
Radio and TV Repair
Small Engine Repair
Tool and Die Making
Welding

Colleges and Universities

	<u>Area - Within 30 miles</u>		<u>Highest Degree Conferred</u>
	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	
Western Kentucky University	Bowling Green, Kentucky	10,570	Masters

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

The closest rail service is provided at Cave City, 21 miles distant,
by the Louisville & Nashville Railroad

Services - Passenger, freight, switching, sidings, REA Express

RAILWAY TRANSIT TIME FROM CAVE CITY, KENTUCKY, TO: 10/

City	No. of Days		City	No. of Days	
	CL			CL	
Atlanta, Ga.	3		Los Angeles, Calif.	5	
Birmingham, Ala.	3		Louisville, Ky.	1	
Chicago, Ill.	3		Nashville, Tenn.	2	
Cincinnati, Ohio	2		New Orleans, La.	4	
Cleveland, Ohio	3		New York, N. Y.	4	
Detroit, Mich.	4		Pittsburgh, Pa.	3	
Knoxville, Tenn.	2		St. Louis, Mo.	3	

Truck Service

Company

Associated Transport, Inc.
Majors Truck Line, Inc.
Skaggs Transfer, Inc.

Home Office

New York, New York
Caneyville, Kentucky
Louisville, Kentucky

**HIGHWAY MILES AND TRUCK TRANSIT TIME IN DAYS FROM
BROWNSVILLE, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS**

City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time		City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time	
		LTL	TL			LTL	TL
Atlanta, Ga.	332	2-3	1-2	Los Angeles, Calif.	2,144	6-8	4-5
Birmingham, Ala.	267	2-3	1-2	Louisville, Ky.	95	1-2	1
Chicago, Ill.	378	2-3	1	Nashville, Tenn.	80	1-2	1
Cincinnati, Ohio	214	1-2	1	New Orleans, La.	683	2-4	1-2
Cleveland, Ohio	462	2-3	1-2	New York, N. Y.	892	3-5	2-3
Detroit, Mich.	483	3	1-2	Pittsburgh, Pa.	514	3-4	1-2
Knoxville, Tenn.	265	1-2	1	St. Louis, Mo.	359	1-2	1

Air

Nearest Commercial

Location:	2 miles southeast of Bowling Green
Runways:	2 paved
Length:	4,000 ft. ; 5,250 ft.
Traffic Control:	Wind tee, Airport Advisory Service from Bowling Green Radio on 123.6
Lighting:	Runways, obstructions, beacons and wind tee until midnight
Services:	80-100 octane jet A-50 fuel, storage, minor A & E repairs, FAA Flight Service Station, taxi and rental car service, restaurant, Air South and Northern Airlines

Bus

Trailways

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

Company serving Brownsville and Edmonson County - Warren RECC

Source of power - Tennessee Valley Authority

Total generating capacity - 18,202,090 KW

Industrial rates negotiated by - Warren RECC, Bowling Green,
Kentucky

Natural Gas

There is no natural gas service in Brownsville. There are two
LP gas dealers in the Brownsville area.

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Water

Company serving - Brownsville Water Works
Source - 2 wells
Treatment plant capacity - 144,000 gpd
Average daily consumption - 75,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 100,000 gallons
Type treatment - softening and iron filtering, chlorination
Storage capacity - 200,000 gallons
Average pressure - 80 psi
Average temperature - 70°
Size mains - 8, 6, and 4 inches

Monthly Water Rates

First	2,000 gallons	\$4.00 (Minimum)
Next	3,000 gallons	1.50 per 1,000 gallons
Next	5,000 gallons	1.00 per 1,000 gallons
Next	15,000 gallons	.75 per 1,000 gallons
All over	25,000 gallons	.50 per 1,000 gallons

Industrial rates are negotiable.

Surface water sources - Green River
Average discharge - 4,076 cubic feet per second
Expected ground water yield - 5 gpm or less
Yield along main streams - 5 to 200 gpm

Sewerage

Septic tanks are now being utilized; however, plans are underway for a complete sewerage system to serve Brownsville.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City

Structure - Mayor - 2-year term; 5 councilmen - 2-year terms
Budget, 1968-69 - General Fund \$20,507; Water and Sewer Fund
\$6,346

County

Structure - County judge - 4-year term; 6 magistrates - 4-year terms
Budget, 1969 - General Fund \$41,576; Road Fund \$29,000

Assessed Value of Property - 1969

<u>Classes of Property*</u>	<u>Edmonson County</u>
Real Estate	\$26,291,440
Tangibles	5,749,425
Public Service	2,196,764

Local General Property Tax Rates Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation - 1969 ^{11/}

<u>Taxing Unit**</u>	<u>Brownsville</u>	<u>Edmonson County</u>
State	\$.015	\$.015
County	.131	.131
School	.320	.320
City	.154	
Total	\$.620	\$.466

*Property assessed at 100 percent of fair value.

**Manufacturing machinery, raw materials inventories and goods in process inventories are not subject to local tax. State rate is only \$0.15 per \$100.

Planning and Zoning

Agency - Edmonson - Brownsville Planning Commission (now being planned)

Safety

<u>Police</u>		<u>Edmonson County</u>
Total staff		3
Radio-patrol cars		3
<u>Fire</u>	<u>Brownsville</u>	<u>Edmonson County</u>
Volunteers	15	15
Equipment:		
500 gpm pumpers	1	
pickup truck		1

Rescue Service

Edmonson Rescue Squad:

Number of volunteers - 23

Equipment - truck, generator, boat and motor, dragging hooks, stretchers

Sanitation

	<u>Brownsville</u>
Type service	private
Cost	residential - \$15 month business - \$15 to \$50 month
Collection frequency	residential - once weekly business - Thursday of each week
Disposal method	incinerator

HEALTH

Hospitals

Name and Location of Nearest Hospitals

Grayson County War Memorial Hospital, Leitchfield, 25 miles distant
40 beds

General hospital facilities - operating room, X-ray equipment,
recovery room, maternity ward, emergency room, bloodmobile
services

Medical staff - 5 doctors, 1 surgeon, 1 pediatrician, 9 registered
nurses, 5 licensed practical nurses

Sampson Community Hospital, Glasgow, 28 miles distant, 141 beds

General hospital facilities - 3 operating rooms, X-ray, 2 delivery
rooms, psychiatric care, extended care, laboratory, emergency
room, C.P.R. school, pathology, radiology, EEG, EKG

Medical staff - 25 doctors, 7 registered nurses, 7 graduate licensed
practical nurses

Bowling Green-Warren County Hospital, 30 miles distant, 187 beds

General hospital facilities - X-ray and EKG facilities, surgery,
delivery rooms, laboratory, pathology, and radiology

Medical staff - 49 doctors, 49 registered nurses, 24 licensed practical
nurses

Nursing Homes

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Personal Care Homes	1	22

Public Health

Facility - Edmonson County Health Department

Staff - Registered nurse, clerk, sanitarian (part-time)

Budget, 1969-70 - \$21,281

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Communications

Telephone - Kentucky Telephone Company
Services - standard

Telegraph - not available

Postal - Second-class U. S. Post Office
Mail received - twice daily
Mail dispatched - twice daily

Newspaper weekly - Edmonson News
Circulation - 1,800

Radio - no local station
Stations received from - Bowling Green, Munfordville

Television - no local station
Cable service - Munfordville Television Signal
Reception from - Nashville, Tennessee; Bowling Green and
Louisville, Kentucky
Kentucky Educational Television - Channel 32, Bowling Green
transmitter

Library Services

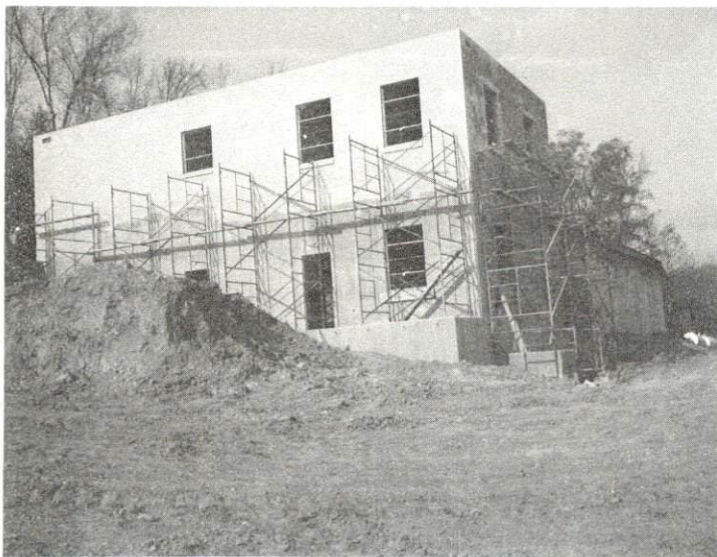
Public libraries - Edmonson Free Public Library
Size collection - 15,380 volumes
Circulation, 1968 - 52,115
Services - bookmobile, story hour, phonograph records, framed
paintings, film programs

Religious Institutions

Number of churches - 2
Denominations - General Baptist and Missionary Baptist



Park Mammoth Resort - Motel
Approximately 15 miles from Brownsville



New water plant -
under construction



U. S. Post Office

Financial Institutions

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Statement as of June 30, 1969</u>	
	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
Brownsville Deposit Bank	\$4,037,433.15	\$3,647,915.44
Bank of Edmonson County	3,755,958.51	3,452,146.78

Hotels and Motels

Mohawk Motel 22 units

Clubs and Organizations

Business and Civic - Lions Club

Fraternal - American Legion, Masonic Lodge, Odd Fellows

Women's - Homemaker's Club, Eastern Star

Youth - Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, FFA, FHA, FTA, FBLA, Little League, 4-H

Other - Edmonson County Saddle Club

RECREATION

Local

Public Recreation Facilities

- Playgrounds - 1
- Golf courses - 1
- Baseball diamonds - 1
- Football fields - 1

Tourist Attractions

- Mammoth Cave National Park

Area (Within 25 miles)

Tourist Attractions - Barren River Reservoir, Diamond Caverns, Mammoth Onyx Cave, Jesse James Cave, Crystal Onyx Cave, and Hundred Dome Cave

Cultural event - Outdoor drama during the summer months, near Cave City

AGRICULTURE - NATURAL RESOURCES - CLIMATE

Agriculture 12/

	<u>Edmonson County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Total land area (acres)	194,560	1,738,240
Percent of area in farm land	53.7	73.6
Number of farms	1,005	11,836
Average size of farms (acres)	104	108.1
1964 value of all farm products	\$2,516,974	\$47,383,476
Value per farm	2,504	4,003
Total crop sales	1,178,168	24,210,859
Total livestock and livestock products	1,336,907	23,063,404
1967 agricultural production included:		
Burley tobacco (lbs.)	1,300,000	25,500,000
Corn (bu.)	315,000	7,099,000
Cattle and calves (number)	13,000	230,500
Hogs and pigs (number)	5,300	116,400
Milk production (1966) (lbs.)	13,600,000	315,900,000

Natural Resources

Principal mineral resources	limestone, native asphalt, petroleum
Other mineral resources	silica sand, clay
Acres of commercial forest land	75,900
Most abundant tree species	red oak, white oak, hickory, ash, yellow poplar, beech, hard maple

Climate 13/

Temperature	
Annual mean (30-yr. record)	55.6 degrees
Average annual 1968	54.1 degrees
Record highest July, 1968 (5-yr. record)	98.0 degrees
Record lowest January, 1966 (15-yr. record)	-10.0 degrees
Mean annual degree-days (30-yr. record)	4,683
Precipitation	
Mean annual total (30-yr. record)	44.73 inches
Mean annual snow and sleet (24-yr. record)	16.0 inches
Total precipitation 1968	43.32 inches
Mean number days precipitation (24-yr. record)	128 (.01 inch or more)
Average number days thunderstorms (24-yr. record)	48
Prevailing winds (17-yr. record)	south

HISTORY

Edmonson County was established in 1825 as the seventy-ninth Kentucky county. It was named for Captain John Edmonson, a resident of Fayette County. When the War of 1812 was declared, he raised a company of riflemen and joined Colonel John Allen's regiment. Captain Edmonson was killed in the battle of the river Raisin in January 1813.

Brownsville, the county seat, was established in 1825. It was named for General Jacob Brown who commanded the United States forces stationed along the New York frontier during the War of 1812.

Two of the three oddities of nature for which Edmonson County is famous are found in the vicinity of Brownsville. Indian Hill is a circular land formation about a mile in circumference. Breastworks, artifacts, and a number of burial places indicate that this area was occupied by prehistoric Indians. Dismal Rock, a perpendicular rock formation some 160 feet high is located on Dismal Creek. Many stories are connected with this rock of Indian maidens who attempted to scale it and fell to their death, or, having successfully reached its summit, jumped from lovers leap. Mammoth Cave, the third natural oddity, is located in the eastern part of the county, a few miles from Brownsville. It has been designated as one of the Seven Wonders of the World and is one of the main tourist attractions in the state.

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